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The reply filed on 13 November of 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant is required to elect a **single species** of receptor, G protein, response element and reporter gene for examination on the merits. Applicant is not entitled to elect one species of receptor for a first set of claims and a second species of receptor for a second set of claims. If certain claims do not encompass a process that employs the elected species of receptor then those claims will be withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Ulm whose telephone number is (703) 308-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached at (703) 308-6564.

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